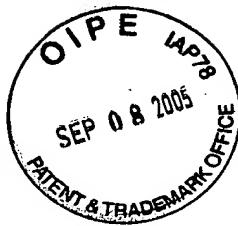


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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL FORM**

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Honorable Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants transmit herewith an amendment in the above-identified application.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
Total Claims:	27	-	20	= 7	x \$50.00 =	\$350.00
Independent Claims:	3	-	3	= 0	x \$200.00 =	0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$350.00

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A check in the amount of \$350.00 is enclosed to cover the fee for additional claims. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or to credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

Respectfully submitted,

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In response to the After Final Office Action mailed July 5, 2005, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following Amendments thereto, and the comments as set forth below. Please amend the Application as follows.